

1	2
15. Saliganur	4
16. Udegolam	4
17. Herakal	45
18. Nadivi	3
19. Nittur	13
20. Tekkalkota	62
21. Araliganur	11
22. Kenchanagudda	79
23. Mudatanur	25
24. Mallapura	9
25. Havinahal	50
26. Manur	14
27. Sirigeri	21
28. Dasapura	23
29. Konchigeri	30
30. K. Belagal	25
31. Hirehal	2
32. Mudenur	17
33. Karur	54
34. Bhyarapura	15
35. Buduguppa	20
36. Balakundi	7
37. U. Hosahalli	40
38. Talur	11
39. Nittanur	16
40. H. Hosahalli	12
41. Motasugur	20
42. Honrahalli	2
43. T. Sallakudlur	11
44. A. K. hal	4
45. Pasarahalli	9
46. Alabanur	4
47. B. M. Sugur	16
48. Ittighal	20
49. Nagarahal	24
50. Agasanur	13
51. Ravihal	8
52. Kattalachinta	4
53. Bommalapura	5

DISTRIBUTION OF FERTILISERS

82. SRI K. H. HANUME GOWDA (Hassan).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state :—

(a) the quantity and quality of the fertilisers supplied to the different districts of the State during 1974-75 up-to-date ;

(b) the quantity and quality of fertilisers stocked by the Government for supplying the same for Kharif crops in different districts of the State during 1974-75 ;

(c) the reasons for the Government's decision to change over the distribution of three tier system which was in force 2 years ago to two tier system, and whether it has come to the notice of the Government that the Government that the ryots are put to hardship due to non-availability of fertilisers in time since this system was implemented and that more quantity of fertilisers is sold in black market ;

(d) the difficulties of the Government in distributing all kinds of fertilisers allotted to the State through Co-operatives under three or system ?

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(a) Quantities of fertiliser supplied to different Districts are furnished in the Statement 'A' placed on the Table of the House. Allotment of Fertilisers to different districts is made on the basis of acreage area under irrigation, intensive area under high yielding varieties and implementation of special crash programme.

(b) Supply programme for the State for Khariff 74-75 has been finalised by the Government of India on 24th and 25th January, 1974. The State Government has also finalised their programme of supply to the various districts. The programme of supply to the various districts is enclosed statements 1 and 2 placed on the Table of the House. *

(c) The three tier system was changed over to two tier system for the following reasons :—

(1) The margin of profit allowed to the distribution agencies is too small to be further split and shared by three agencies.

(2) The Government have stopped supplying fertilisers to of Mysore State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd., and the Mysore State Agro Industries Corporation Ltd., on a consignment

* All the statements placed in the Karnataka Legislature library vide No. 19/q, 1st April 1974.

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basis. The Taluk Marketing Societies which are the middle agencies do not have adequate financial resources to obtain fertilisers on cash-and-carry basis.

(3) Introduction of one more retail agency will involve in delay in fertilisers reaching the farmers. If the farmers are not able to get adequate quantities of fertilisers in time, it is not due to the introduction of the two tier system but due to various causes such as shortages of fertilisers in the country and the World Market in respect of pool fertilisers and labour strikes, transport problems etc., in case of domestic production.

It may however also be clarified that since then Government has allowed the various districts to follow either the three tier system or the two tier system whichever is suitable to their own local requirements.

(d) All allocations of fertilisers made through the pool system is distributed in the State through the Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation and the Agro Industries Corporation. There is practically no difference between the sale of fertilisers through the Co-operatives and the Agro Kendras of the Agro Industries Corporation, because both the Agro Kendras and the Co-operatives are a part and parcel of the public distribution system.

As regards the distribution of fertilisers allocated from the non-pool quota, it is the declared policy of the Government of India that all non-pool fertilisers should be sold by the manufacturers through their own marketeers. It may be clarified here that even out of non-pool quota, 20 per cent of the supplies are channelised through the Agro Industries Corporation and the Marketing Federation who have been appointed as agents of the several manufacturers. As regards the Channellisation of all supplies through three tier system the answer has been furnished at (2) above.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE:

(i) *re : Shortage of fertilisers in Gulbarga district.*

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR.—(Aland) I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry to the shortage of fertilisers in Gulbarga District.

SRI N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry):—In response to the above call attention notice I wish to make the following statement.